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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whole birds. Offerings were fair to short with toms in the closest balance. Demand slow to fair. Trading was light. Parts and meats demand and trading was limited.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active on thigh meat at current low prices. Some export buyers bid lower on tom v-type wings. Hen v-type wings moved at steady prices to Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 31, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	61	61.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 30, 1999**

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 MARCH 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on 3-joint wings, drums and necks barely steady to weak with tom drums softest. Bulk parts demand slow with some Midwest inquiry noted on drums for summer festivals with offers noted at higher price levels for early summer shipment. Demand light to instances fair on 4-8 lb. Grade A breasts with a mixed undertone noted. Offerings of Grade A 4-8 lb breasts mixed with some plants offering product at 91-92 cents delivered while others show strength. Frozen thigh meat (4 loads) traded at 38 cents shipping point. Some sellers looking for bids on frozen thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00		96.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00-25.00		24.70	33
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	20
NECKS, HEN	18.00-21.00		20.55	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	188.00		188.00	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	189.40	400
THIGH MEAT		F	41.00	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	42.40	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.00	25
TENDERLOINS		F	139.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	159.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.67	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	22.33	216

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	18.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.57	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.25	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00		41.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-87
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-75

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-115

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 31 MARCH 1999.

Domestic demand and trading light on bulk parts. Offerings of tom full-cut wings light to adequate, necks and drums adequate to burdensome. White meat demand and trading light. Export demand light to fair, mostly light with best interest noted on thigh meat for Taiwan. Lent and reports of some Asia markets being flooded with competitively priced chicken leg quarters continues to affect turkey dark meat prices. Some export buyers continue to bid lower on tom 2-joint wings. Frozen thigh meat (3 loads) 38 cents transferred-in-storage. For export: hen 2-joint wings (3 containers) 37, frozen destrapped tenders (part load) 162.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	92.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	18.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	19.00	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.70	33
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	21.00	20
NECKS, HEN		T	20.55	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	188.00	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	189.40	400
THIGH MEAT	42.00		42.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	42.40	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.00	25
TENDERLOINS		F	139.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00-161.00		160.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.57	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.25	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.00-45.00		40.27	588

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 3/31/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	4,450	387,241	387,591
1997-98	-	366,821	367,071

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